



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of

Unimed Insurance Company; Professional Liability Insurance
Company, LTD; Ledee and Associates, LLC; Professional
Liability Insurance Corporation; PLIC Claims Management, Inc.;
Crowne Global Group, LTD; Medical Risk Associates, RPG, LTD,
And Physicians Malpractice Analysts, Inc.

Unauthorized Entities, and

William A. Ledee III; Ignatius Angelo "Iggy" DeBlasi; James
Reynolds; Matthew Reed; Mishima Murasaki; Bertha Louise
Ledee; Judy Frese; Jennifer Anderson, aka: "Brooke Harris";
Robert Edward Ledee; Suzanne Suhrie; Charles Bailey, MD;
"Laurie" or "Lori", Last name Unknown, and "Elizabeth", Last Name
Unknown;

Principals

No. DO4-150

ORDER TO
CEASE AND
DESIST

Pursuant to RCW 48.02.080, RCW 48.05.030, RCW 48.15.020, RCW 48.15.023, RCW 48.30.010 and RCW 48.30.040, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner ("OIC") orders the entities and the individuals named above and their officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees and affiliates ("**Respondents**") to immediately cease and desist from:

- A. transacting insurance in the State of Washington in violation of the Washington Insurance Code;
- B. transacting insurance affording coverage of Washington State residents and/or Washington-located risks;
- C. engaging in or transacting the business of insurance in the State of Washington, including the collection or attempted collection of premium monies and the advertising of insurance and insurance-related products;
- D. soliciting Washington residents to sell and/or purchase any plan or policy affording coverage for malpractice, errors and omissions, liability or any other form of insurance;
- E. soliciting Washington residents to sell and/or purchase any form of insurance;

- F. soliciting Washington residents by e-mail, facsimile (fax), telephone, mail or any other means to induce them to sell and/or purchase any form of insurance product.
- G. offering to Washington residents a plan or policy of coverage for any form of insurance without first submitting to examination by the insurance commissioner to determine the organization and solvency of the person or the entity offering such insurance, and to determine whether or not such person or entity complies with the applicable provisions of the Insurance Code.

THIS ORDER IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Violation of RCW 48.05.030, Certificate of authority required; RCW 48.15.020, Solicitation by unauthorized insurer prohibited; and RCW 48.17.060, License required;

a.) Commencing in or about August 2002, and continuing to the present time, Respondents solicited Washington residents and/or medical facilities to purchase plans and policies affording insurance coverage for medical liability, and sold plans and policies, affording insurance coverage for medical liability to Washington residents and/or medical facilities. Respondents have not applied for or been granted, a certificate of authority or license to act as an insurer or an insurance agent in Washington. Respondents have not submitted to OIC any appropriate certificate, license, or other document issued by another agency of this state, any subdivision thereof, or the federal government, permitting or qualifying Respondents to provide such coverage in this state. Respondents have also not registered with the OIC as risk retention or risk purchasing agents, nor have they transacted this insurance through a licensed surplus lines broker in this state.

b.) On or about 2/24/04, Respondents solicited a physician licensed by and practicing and residing in Washington to purchase a plan or policy of medical liability insurance and submitted a written quotation for such policy.

2. Violation of RCW 48.30.040, False information and advertising

Respondents represented to prospective purchasers that the insurance product they were selling was in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington. This representation was false, deceptive and misleading, in that the Respondents were not authorized to solicit an insurance transaction or to issue an insurance contract under RCW Title 48.

Respondents were informed in writing and verbally in November 2002, February 2003, and April 2003 of the requirements for legally transacting the business of insurance in Washington. Afterward, Respondents committed the above violations.

By Cease and Desist Orders, the States of Florida (Order # 66366-03-CO); Alabama (C-2002-11R); Illinois (4090); Mississippi (Issued 2/25/03); Nevada (97.155), Pennsylvania (C001-08-019) and Texas (95-0112 and 97-0533) have also determined that Unimed Insurance Company, Professional Liability Insurance Company, LTD, et al., were transacting insurance in those states in violation of the laws of those states and have ordered said Respondents to cease and desist from transacting insurance in violation of the laws of those states.

Respondents are ordered to furnish the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this order, with a complete listing, to include full contact information, of all Washington residents, persons practicing health care in Washington, and/or Washington facilities, who or which have purchased any insurance or insurance-related product from Respondents.

Respondents are further ordered to notify all Washington residents, persons practicing health care in Washington, and/or Washington facilities, who or which have purchased any insurance or insurance-related product from Respondents, of the complete content of this order within ten (10) days of receipt of the order and are to continue to pay all outstanding claims filed before or within thirty (30) days after such notification. Respondents shall also continue to be liable for claims filed within one year after the date of this order in which the event precipitating the claim occurred prior to the date of the written notification to the policy holder.

Pursuant to RCW 48.15.020 (2) (b), each unauthorized insurer and each individual who made a contract of insurance in this state, directly or indirectly, shall remain individually liable for the performance of the contract and for the full amount of any loss sustained by an insured under such contract.

Pursuant to RCW 48.14.095 and RCW 48.14.020, each unauthorized insurer that made a contract of insurance in this state, directly or indirectly, shall be and remain liable for payment of Washington State premium taxes and for any penalties and interest due pursuant to RCW 48.14.060.

Any violation of the terms of this Order by Respondents, their officers, directors, employees, agents, or affiliates, will render the violator(s) subject to the full penalties authorized by RCW 48.02.080, 48.17.530, 48.15.020 and other applicable Code sections.

Respondents have the right to demand a hearing pursuant to chapters 48.04 and 34.05 RCW. This Order shall remain in effect subject to the further order of the commissioner.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND IS ENTERED at Tumwater, Washington, this 19th day of July, 2004.

MIKE KREIDLER
Insurance Commissioner

By: 

Carol Sureau, Deputy Commissioner
Legal Affairs Division
Office of Insurance Commissioner
State of Washington